# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# POWER
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:253
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2005
POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware that some private power distributing companies are violating the norms laid down by Central Electricity Regulatory Commission and cheating consumers in transmitting and distributing power in States particularly by installing fast moving meters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of companies against which such complaints have been received by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the action taken by the Government against such errant companies?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS( SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI )

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 253 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 09.11.2005 REGARDING POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES.

(a) to (d) : Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has not laid down any guidelines regarding installation of consumer meters. Distribution of power is regulated by the concerned State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs).

Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) has informed that there have been numerous complaints regarding meters. In response to this the DERC, the Government of NCT of Delhi and also the distribution companies have conducted separate meter testing drive involving independent agencies and according to DERC these meter testing drives indicate that the electronic meters are functioning well within the stipulated limits.

In some cases, wiring of the consumer premises has been found to be defective. DERC had issued a public notice on 01.08.2005 which advised the consumers to get their internal wiring checked in case the meter gives an indication of earth leakage. The DISCOMS have also been directed to check for this problem whenever meters are replaced.